WOOOOOW HUGE! SO BIG!
OH
PIKA
THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT COMPARED TO OTHER TOURNA-MENTS
AMAZ-ING!

HE HE
I AM FINALLY HERE!
IT'S TIME TO CHALLENGE THE INDIGO LEAGUE, THE BEST STAGE OF ALL!
LET'S GO, PIKACHU! AIM TO BE THE CHAMPION!
PI-KA!
SHUT UP!
HUH?

MISTY!?
YOU ARE FULL OF ENERGY AS USUAL
HOW ABOUT YOU CALM DOWN A BIT?
HEYA! LONG TIME NO SEE!
YEAH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WAIT
HAHAHA! GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN PIKACHU!
PIKA-CHU!
I AM ENTERING THE LEAGUE TOO!
TO CHEER ME?
NO!
THAT IS RIGHT
IS THAT SO?
THAT MEANS I HAVE MORE THAN ONE RIVAL HERE.

YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT FIRST!!
THE REGISTRATION WILL END IN 5 MINUTES
EH?
ANYWAY, IT SEEMED LIKE YOU JUST ARRIVED HERE DID YOU REGISTER FOR THE PRELIMINARY?
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU MADE IN TIME, BUT YOU'RE SO CARELESS AS USUAL
ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE ENTERING THE PRELIMINARY?
WOW!
SET OFF
GRE
B
OH!
THIRD MATCH AT FIELD NUMBER 18
HMM... I AM IN F BLOCK
I HAVE TO BATTLE GREEN AT THE MAIN COMPETITION.
JUST AS I WANTED.
DIFFERENT BLOCK FOR THE PRELIMINARY.

WH-AAT!?
WELL, I WAS SEEDED INTO THE BRACKET, SO I START FROM THE 3RD ROUND.
WELL THEN GUESS I WILL SPEND SOME TIME HANGING AROUND HERE
WHAT? WHAT ABOUT YOUR MATCH?
THERE IS NO SUCH PRIVILEGE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IS THAT THE PRIVILEGE OF A GYM LEADER?
WHAT? NO FAIR!
IT'S BASED ON THE RESULT!
MY TRAINER RANK WENT UP FROM THAT AND I GOT THE SEED!
YOU KNOW, I WAS IN THE BEST 3 AT CINNABAR LEAGUE LAST TIME
IT IS KNOWN AS A HIGH LEVEL TOURNAMENT SECOND TO INDIGO LEAGUE IN KANTO.
IT IS AN OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT THAT OPENS UP ONCE A YEAR AT CINNABAR ISLAND
「CINNABAR LEAGUE」 THE OFFICIAL NAME IS CINNABAR LEAGUE ULTRA BALL CUP
YOU LOST TO ME THERE
GET OFF
LOST AT 3RD ROUND

HMPH, I DON'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT I CAN GET THROUGH THE PRELIMINARY EASILY
HUH?
YOU KNOW
YOU WILL LOSE IF YOU ARE SO FULL OF YOURSELF!
THAT HURTS!
INDIGO LEAGUE IS DIFFERENT FROM CINNABAR LEAGUE
ALL THE PARTICPANTS ARE ACE TRAINERS FROM VARIOUS REGIONS WHO GOT 8 BADGES WITH THEIR SKILLS
AND THERE ARE MORE THAN 200 OF THEM!!
ONLY 12 OF THEM CAN GET THROUGH THE PRELIMINARY AND PARTICIPATE THE MAIN COMPETITION
HMM...
IT'S A BATTLE FIELD WHERE YOU HAVE TO GO ALL OUT!!
BATTLE FIELD

YEAH, I CAN DEFINITELY FEEL IT
WHEN I LOOK AROUND
AT TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL!

STRONG TRAINERS, HARD BATTLES, LET ALL COME AT ME!!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT.
SHOW ME A SPECTACLE THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!!
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM IS
YEAH, I CAN DEFINITELY FEEL IT
WHEN I LOOK AROUND.
YEAH, I AM ALSO ONE OF THEM.
HA HA...
SO...
THERE IS SCENERY YOU CAN SEE ONLY AFTER CLIMBING TALL MOUNTAIN.
THAT'S RIGHT. THERE IS NO MEANING TO THE COMPETITION IF I WIN EASILY.
AT TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL!

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YEAH, I AM ALSO ONE OF THEM.

HA... HA...
SO...

THERE IS SCENERY YOU CAN SEE ONLY AFTER CLIMBING A TALL MOUNTAIN.
THAT'S RIGHT. THERE IS NO MEANING TO THE COMPETITION IF I WIN EASILY.

RED OF PALLET TOWN!
WHAT IS YOUR NAME, CHALLENGER?
I AM GYM LEADER MISTY!
I'M HEADING TO THE TOP OF THIS WORLD.
SO, I'LL BE TAKING YOUR BADGE!!
HE DEFINITELY HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

NOW, PHAN-CHAN!!
NIDO-RINO FAINTED !!
THE WIN-NER IS~
VS
SHA-DOW BALL !!
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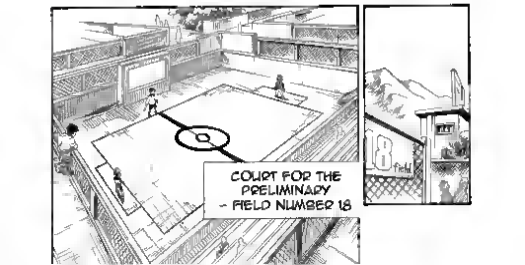
BLUE OF PALLET TOWN!!
I DID IT!!
おおっ
GOOD JOB GETTING THE FIRST WIN!!
RED!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I AM HERE TO CHEER YOU ON!
OOOH, THANK YOU~!
EH
SO, DID YOU LOSE?
MY MATCH DIDN'T EVEN START YET!
CONGRATULATIONS ON GETTING THROUGH THE 1ST ROUND OF THE PRELIMINARY!
AH! MISTY-SAN!

IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING WELL.
HEHE, BUT CONDITIONING ALL MY POKÉMON WAS PRETTY TOUGH
YEP! I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE
TO RED OR GREEN
STOP THAT! IT'S EMBARRASSING!
OUCH
STILL, ALL THAT HARD WORK PAID OFF

HA
THAT'S MY LINE
AFTER ALL... I'M ALSO FROM PALLET TOWN
AH!
I ALSO NEED TO GO TO THE POKÉMON CENTER
YOU HAVE YOUR MATCH SOON, RIGHT? I WILL BE THERE TO WATCH IT LATER—
AR-EH!
I AM GOING TO HEAL MY PHANCHAN AT POKÉMON CENTER.
WILL YOU DROP THAT ALREADY!?
HAHA! IS THAT THE LINE OF SOMEONE WHO ALMOST DIDN'T REGISTER IN TIME?
I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU IF YOU LOSE!
RED!
WHAT!
LOOK AT ME WHEN YOU'RE SPEAKING.
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING!

DO YOUR BEST!!
SINCE YOU ARE THE TRAINER THAT I HAVE ACKNOW-LEDGED AND GIVEN MY BADGE!
RED AND PIKACHU ARE PUMPED UP!
OKAY! LET'S DO THIS, PIKA-CHU!!
YEAH, I GOT IT!
LET'S GO LET'S GO...


COURT FOR THE PRELIMINARY - FIELD NUMBER 18

ARE YOU READY?
YOU LOSE IF BOTH POKÉMON FAINT FIRST.
YOU MAY EXCHANGE YOUR POKÉMON FREELY DURING THE BATTLE, BUT ONLY BETWEEN THE TWO POKÉMON THAT ARE USED
EACH TRAINER IS ALLOWED TO USE UP TO 2 POKÉMON
YES.
AKIRA THE BEAST TAMER!
VS
RED OF PALLET TOWN
VS
THEN, THE THIRD MATCH OF THE F BLOCK, THE FIRST ROUND OF PRELIMINARY WILL NOW BEGIN!

PI KAA!
OKAY! LET'S GO PIKACHU!!
GO, BEE-DRILL!
START!
I WON'T LET YOU! PIN MISSILE!!
PI-KA-?
LET'S GO FIRST! THUNDERBOLT!!

DID HE BLOCK THUNDER-BOLT BY USING PIN MISSILE AS LIGHTNING ROD!?
DA-MN
CHU
!!!
!!
IT'S COMING PIKA-CHU!
PIKA!
DOUBLE TEAM!? THAT MANY!?
GO!! BEE-DRILL

CHU
X-SCISSOR!!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
PI-KA!!
PI
PIN MISSILE!!

DAMN! THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO IF I DON'T FIND OUT WHICH ONE IS THE REAL ONE!
WAIT, SHADOW!!
ONLY THE REAL ONE HAS A SHADOW!
SWIFT!!
PIKACHU! THIRD ONE ON THE TOP RIGHT!!
THAT'S THE REAL ONE!

BREAK IT THRO-UGH!! TWIN NEE-DLE!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF YOU FIGURED OUT THE REAL ONE,
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY BEEDRILL!!

IT'S YOU WHO SHOULDN'T
WAS SWIFT JUST A BAIT!?
!?
UNDER-ESTIMATE MY
PI-KA-CHU!!

VOLT TAC-KLE !!
BEE-DRILL FAINT-ED!!
SHIT
COME BACK, BEE-DRILL!
THAT WAS UNEXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO GET INTO A BLIND SPOT IN THAT SHORT TIME AND ATTACK MY BEEDRILL.

GOOD JOB, PIKA-CHU!
JUST ONE MORE TO GO!!
PIKA!
IT WAS SIMILAR TO FLAME WHEEL, BUT ITS POWER WAS INCOM-PARABLE TO IT
WHAT WAS THAT MOVE? VOLT TACKLE?? IS THAT HIS ORIGINAL MOVE OR SOMETHING?
QUITE GOOD, THAT KIDDO
RED OF PALLET TOWN, HUH?

TO BE CONTINUED